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TO AMEMBASSY SOFIA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: SLAVKOV INVITATION TO PBS

REFERENCE: SOFIA 1779-C; SOFIA 1850-U

1. BENTON INTERESTED IN VISITING SOFIA. HE WILL BE IN FRG DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS IN DECEMBER; IF TIME PERMITS HE WILL TRAVEL SOFIA FROM FRG.
2. BENTON WILL CONTACT SLAVKOV DIRECTLY WHEN HIS ITINERARY IS FIRM. HE WILL PAY HIS OWN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, BUT WOULD ACCEPT IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES FROM BTV.
3. DUE PROFESSIONAL NATURE OF CONTACT WITH SLAVKOV, BENTON WILL NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT ANY USG SUPPORT.
4. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO SLAVKOV THAT BENTON HAS INSISTED VISIT BE COMPLETELY UNCONNECTED WITH USG AND THAT USG PAYING NO PART OF HIS TRAVEL OR OTHER EXPENSES. THIS, TOGETHER WITH FACT THAT SLAVKOV RATHER THAN USG RECOMMENDED BENTON FOR VISIT, MEANS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT WE WOULD NOT REGARD BENTON TRIP AS QUID PRO QUO FOR SLAVKOV

VISIT TO US. WHILE BULGARIANS MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND THESE FINE
POINTS OR OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH THEM, EMBASSY SHOULD
INDICATE THAT WE MAY WANT, IN FUTURE, TO NOMINATE SUITABLE
US CANDIDATE AS OUR PART OF SLAVKOV VISIT EXCHANGE.
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